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TO: Members, Washington State Board of Health

THROUGH: Jude Van Buren, Assistant Secretary

FROM: Michael Glass, Director
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RE: **2002 NEWBORN SCREENING REPORT**

I am pleased to present the Board with the 2002 Report of Newborn Screening with preliminary data for 2003. This information is presented to the Board in compliance with WAC 246-650-040, Newborn Screening, which directs the Department of Health to report to the Board annually:

- The results of each category of tests, by county of birth and ethnic group.
- Follow-up procedures and the results of such procedures.
- The costs of tests as charged by the Department.

Newborn screening is a preventive health system mandated by state law (Chapter 70.83 Revised Code of Washington) to help infants in our state get a healthy start on life. The system operates by requiring testing of every infant for early detection of disorders that can cause developmental impairments, severe illness, or death if not detected and treated early. The law directs the Board of Health to determine the disorders that are to be detected through this system and to adopt rules needed to achieve the benefits of early detection and treatment.

Please contact me at (206) 418-5470 if you have any questions regarding this report or the Newborn Screening Program.